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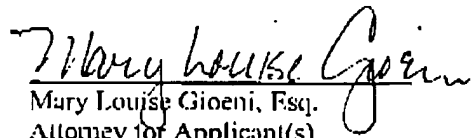
REMARKS

Claims 1-23 were presented at the time of filing and are currently pending in the application. The Office Action alleges that the patent application contains two patentably distinct inventions. Specifically, one of the following inventions must be selected in response to the Restriction Requirement.

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| GROUP I | Claims 1-6 and 23 | Drawn to a tubular microstructure, classified in class 428, subclass 36.9 |
| GROUP II | Claims 7-22 | Drawn to a process for producing microtubes from nanoparticles, classified in class 427, subclass 398.1 |

For prosecution in this application, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group II, claims 7-22. This action is without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims in related applications.

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